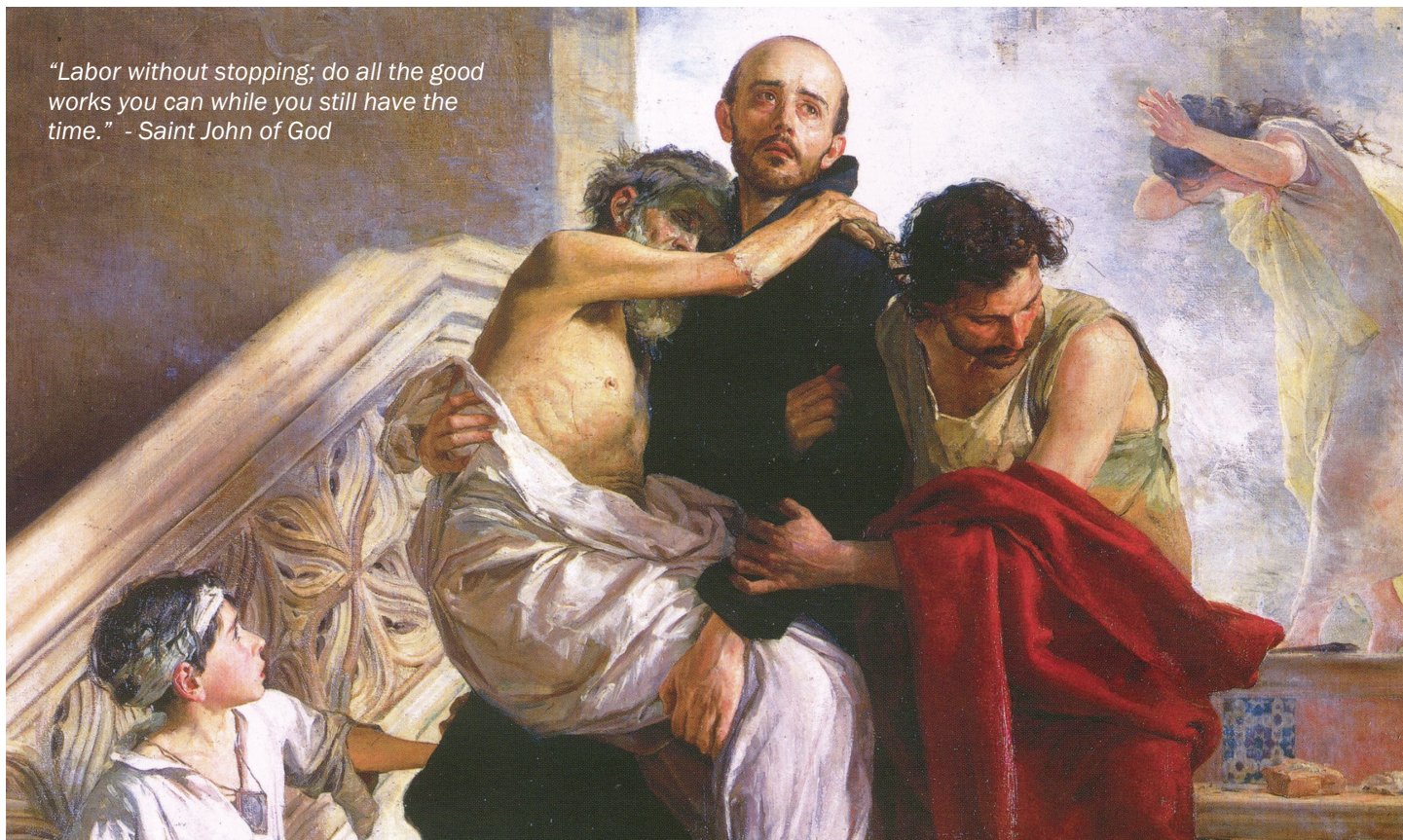


"Labor without stopping; do all the good works you can while you still have the time." - Saint John of God



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses on Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (in Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 Noon, 2:00 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8:00 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

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Mrs. Maria Fox, Secretary
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Queen of Apostles Vision Statement

To be a family of families committed to growing in discipleship of Christ and eager to invite others to join our family.

Joining Our Parish Family

Welcome to Queen of Apostles! We warmly invite you to join our parish family. So that you might receive all of our parish communications, and so that our clergy and staff may respond appropriately to your various sacramental needs, we encourage you to register at Queen of Apostles through the Parish Office. Registration will also be needed to receive a certificate of eligibility to be a Godparent for Baptism; to be a Sponsor for Confirmation; to enroll your child in Religious Education; to begin Baptismal preparation for your child (unless permission is received from your parish); and to prepare for Marriage. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano St. (next door to the Church). Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside of the parish by calling (703) 354-8711, or e-mail general@queenofapostles.org.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Sacraments of Initiation - RCIA (adults) and Religious Education (students)

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, special Rites call Scrutinies take place during Mass. Students and adults, accompanied by their godparents/sponsors, who desire the Sacraments of Initiation are to attend.

The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 141)

The First Scrutiny and Presentation of the Creed is scheduled during Masses on **Mar. 3, 4**: RCIA-Spanish 7:00 pm on **Mar. 3** and RE students and RCIA-English 10:30 am on **Mar. 4**. The Elect, formerly known as catechumens, and their godparents, are expected to participate. Adult candidates and their sponsors are encouraged to attend.

Nazareth Girls and boys in grades 5-8 are invited to join Nazareth. Generally, Nazareth is held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Nazareth will be held on **Mar. 16**. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm in Hannan Hall with activities beginning at 4 pm Parent sign-out/pick-up is at 5:30 pm. Parents/adults are invited to help with Nazareth activities and to bring snacks.

Emmaus Emmaus, for high school and young college students, meets with Fr. Juan on Saturday evenings, 8:30-10 pm at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer.

The Light is on for You Welcome! Our doors are open and the light is on. The Light is On is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington in which all Catholic churches across the DC metro area are open for quiet prayer and Confession (6:30-8:00 pm) on Wednesdays throughout Lent. Use our Confession Finder Map to locate times and locations near you! Visit thelightison.org.

Religious Education Families are reminded that Religious Education classes begin promptly at 9 am on Sundays at the School. Doors open at 8:30 am and please allow extra time to travel when there is inclement weather.

Altar Servers The serving schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday will be sent by email to families. Please remember to sign-in at least 15 minutes before Mass and before the 7 pm Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Also, if you cannot serve, please find a substitute by sending a message to the altar server email group.

Not in a Church Marriage? For couples who are not married in the Church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony, an important step to receiving the other Sacraments and living the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Mar. 11** bulletin is Monday, **Mar. 5**. Please email announcements by 9 am to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.

Way of St. James, Pilgrimage to Spain Thank you for your spiritual and financial support of the Pilgrimage to Spain. In **June**, nine young men will travel with Fr. Juan to Madrid and then walk/hike ~140 miles of the Camino de Santiago. As you pray for Andres, Billy, Christopher, Daniel, Deion, Erki, Matthew, Nicholas, and Vincent, during this journey of faith, they will be praying for you and your intentions.

You can help defray the costs of the pilgrimage by purchasing homemade baked items this weekend in the church vestibule and in Hannan Hall during the Sunday Social. Donations by cash or check, payable to Queen of Apostles, are greatly appreciated.

Pastor's Letter

The Purification of the Temple

Lent started with an invitation to go to the desert and devote ourselves to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And the liturgy invited us to do so in the most powerful way: showing us Jesus going to the desert. Last Sunday the liturgy was even more encouraging: we contemplated the transfiguration of the Lord. If during this Lent we go to the desert, the "reward" will be to contemplate the glory of Jesus' transfiguration. And even more, to experience how this transfiguration occurs also in us. Lent is a season to transform my heart so that I can have a new life in Christ.

At this point the scene of the purification of the Temple is even more meaningful. Jesus enters the temple, that sacred space reserved for prayer and to encounter God. Now, the Gospel doesn't say that the sellers were defrauding the people, or making unjust profit, or even that they would be impious people. Not at all. Then, what is wrong with them?

What is wrong is that they are intruding upon a sacred space. They were making the Father's house a marketplace (Jn 2:16). And what does it mean for us in our Lenten journey?

We are invited to go to the desert after Jesus to devote ourselves to prayer, fasting and therefore to be renewed and recreated inwardly. However, we bring so many things with us. We go to the desert with Jesus but how many of us bring along: AC, water, a pool, a mini bar... a 5 stars hotel apartment... with TV and internet? And yet, before Jesus' distress we say: "Jesus, what is wrong with me?"

Yes. It is Lent, and we give up something; we fast and we even go to confession after so many weeks, months, years... (please write what applies to you). Well, that's not bad. But we know that won't be enough to get an Olympic medal or move on to the playoffs.

Let's play to win. Let's train to be the first. Let's live Lent as a time of conversion and purification. Let's invite Jesus to enter that sacred space of our hearts and our consciences to purify them, to throw away what distracts us from being fully human and holy. What we put before God.

Then our minds will be opened and we will understand Jesus. Is it not about the material temple. It is about his body, to let the glory of God transform what is mortal into what is eternal. Let Baptism express its full power in us. Let this Lent be in us a renewal of Baptism and therefore a new beginning.

First Friday Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and gave her the special task to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart. Jesus asked for special prayers and practices to make amends (reparation) for the neglect to the proper reverence owed to God. For those who did this faithfully, he made what St. Margaret Mary referred to as the "Great Promise" which was the last and greatest of the Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The specific conditions to receive the Great Promise of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are:

1. Receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays of the month (this assumes that the person is in a state of grace, having made a sacramental confession for any mortal sins prior to receiving communion).
2. Having the intention, at least implicitly, of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for all the sinfulness and ingratitude of men.

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The practice of the First Saturday devotion was requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

There are five conditions to fulfill the First Saturday Devotion. On five consecutive first Saturdays of the month, one should:

1. Have the intention of consoling the Immaculate Heart in a spirit of reparation.
2. Go to confession (within eight days before or after the first Saturday).
3. Receive Holy Communion.
4. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary.
5. Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary with the goal of keeping Our Lady company (for example, while in church or before an image or statue of Our Lady).

For More info on the First Friday and First Saturday Devotions, visit: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/what-is-the-first-friday-and-first-saturday-devotion/>

This Week In Our Parish

Third Sunday of Lent - March 4:

Toward a Missionary Family

Vestibule ACCA Food Collection

Vestibule & Hannan Hall

Way of St. James Pilgrimage Donut and Coffee Sales

Hannan Hall 7:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education

Hannan Hall 3:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, March 5:

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, March 6:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study

Hannan Hall 5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 7:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, March 8:

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus

Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

Friday, March 9:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's

Adoration Hour

Church 2:00-3:00 pm School Stations of the Cross

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Hannan Hall 6:00-9:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper

Church 7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 10:

Hannan Hall 10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Mtg.

Church 1:00-2:00 pm GCC Lenten Retreat Mass

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group

Hannan Hall 5:00-9:00 pm Banica Mission Dinner

School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

School 8:30-10:30 pm Grupo de Betania

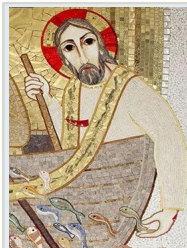


Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the church.

Banica Mission Fundraiser Dinner: Saturday, March 10, 5 pm to 9 pm in Hannan Hall

Please join us for an evening out with live music and to learn more about our Youth Mission to Banica. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$6 for children (10 & under) and include your choice of pupusas, flautas or arroz con pollo + dessert and beverage. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the parish office and/or from a youth missionary or at the door. Thank you for your generous support.



Vocations

“We proclaim Christ crucified...the power and wisdom of God.”

Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Third Sunday of Lent For those considering a call to the priesthood or consecrated life, that they will answer the call and proclaim Christ crucified, we pray to the Lord.

Sorrowful Heart of Mary, pray for us.



Lenten Soup Supper All are invited to our delicious Lenten Soup Supper this Friday at 6 pm in Hannan Hall. RSVPs are encouraged but not required. Call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 to RSVP, or visit the parish website, www.queenofapostles.org for an online response form.

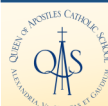
Abstinence During Lent Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe abstinence (no meat). Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Entering Into Holy Week - Family Day of Retreat

On Saturday, **Mar. 24**, there will be a day of retreat for families. The day will begin with Mass at 8 am and finish at 3 pm. Adults and any nursing infants will spend the day with Father Leopoldo. There will be catechesis, games, and crafts for the children. To register your family and to volunteer to assist with the children's programs, email anne.souser@gmail.com.

Second Collection Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Knights of Columbus' 60th Anniversary You are cordially invited to join the Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul II Council 4522 as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary. The Celebration will be held in the Queen of Apostles Catholic School Gymnasium, Sunday, **Apr. 8**, from 2:00-5:00 pm. The event will include heavy appetizers, beer/wine, sodas etc., a short, structured program and lots of time to socialize with Knights, parishioners, and special guests. Costs: \$15 single, \$25 couple, and \$35 for families (each price includes two adult drink tickets per adult). Reservations taken until **Apr. 2**. There will be no "at-the-door" admissions. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Brother Edward White at edwardswhite@verizon.net or Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Please join us every Friday at 9 am for the School Mass.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21



Adorers Needed Urgent need for permanent Adorer (on a weekly basis) on Thursday morning, 1 am- 2 am. If you are interested in supporting the Adoration Ministry during this hour, please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com. Great way to begin Lent!

Adorers are needed (on a weekly basis) on Monday 1 pm-2 pm, and Friday 3 pm-4 pm. If you are able to be a scheduled Adorer on a regular basis, please contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com.

2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal: Living in Faith, Giving in Gratitude

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. If you wish to make a pledge or gift online, you may do so at www.arlingtondiocese.org. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. Thank you!

Join the Women's Group in a Day of Recollection at the Washington Retreat House in Washington, D.C.

Theme of the day: "Blessed Mary, Prepare Us for Holy Week and Seeing the Face of your Son"

Date: **Mar. 21** Time: 9 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$60/per person. Transportation, lunch and snacks are included. If interested please contact:

Estela Prieto: (703) 354-4767, estelaprieto45@gmail.com

Debbie Fornaciari (703) 914-5417, dfornaciariwand@aol.com

Last day to sign up is **Mar. 13**.

Women's Group The Women's Group will be holding their monthly meeting on **Mar. 14** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. The speakers for the meeting will be Bob Carlin and Paul Nasto from My Home Companion, a faith base home care organization. All are welcome to attend.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women

An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **Mar. 24**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. For more info. and confidential registration, contact Project Rachel Ministry: 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

40 Days for Life Join us in prayer for an hour or more. We have the busiest abortion mill in the diocese at 101 S. Whiting Street. 2,263 babies died there in 2016 which is 6+ babies a day! Contact Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863, or visit www.40daysforLife.com to sign up to pray.

Third Sunday of Lent

Masses this Week

Third Sunday of Lent - March 4:

7:30 am +Daniel Ferrazzano
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Judy Trozado

Monday, March 5:

6:30 am +Elisa Felipe Dionisio
9:00 am +Anna Nguyen Thi Vien

Tuesday, March 6:

6:30 am +Carmen Solis
9:00 am +Anna Nguyen Thi Vien

Saints Perpetua and Felicity - Wednesday, March 7:

6:30 am (L) Ron San Luis
9:00 am (L) Joseph and Anne Arias

Saint John of God - Thursday, March 8:

6:30 am +Beatrice Ethelbert
9:00 am +Brendan Evasick

Saint Frances of Rome - Friday, March 9:

6:30 am +Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am +Roy Kasenge

Saturday, March 10:

8:00 am (L) Ryan Burns and Stephanie Courtright
5:00 pm +Fatemeh Navaie
7:00 pm +Emiliana Molina

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 11:

7:30 am +John Usaitis
9:00 am +Jean and Gene Seitz
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Grace Okemo

*"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life,
Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love.
You are my refuge and my sanctuary."*

St. Gertrude the Great



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kevin Bonko, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Ray Piluso, Melba Padilla, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Michael McSherry, Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina and Patricia León-Duarte, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprahnt, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith